

ORDINANCE NO. 20170420-024

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM INTERIM CUSTOMER SURCHARGE PROPOSED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. In accordance with Chapters 103 and 104 of the Texas Utilities Code, the City has exclusive original jurisdiction over gas rates charged for natural gas utility services provided in the City.

PART 2. On March 3, 2017, Texas Gas Service Company ("TGS") filed with the City of Austin, Texas (the "City") an Interim Rate Adjustment ("IRA") that would allow TGS to recover the incremental costs of the new investment it has made within its Central Texas Service Area ("CTXSA"). TGS filed the same IRA request with all fifteen municipalities (Bee Cave, Cedar Park, Cuero, Dripping Springs, Gonzales, Kyle, Lakeway, Lockhart, Luling, Nixion, Rollingwood, Shiner, Sunset Valley, West Lake Hills, and Yokum, Texas in the CTXSA. TGS filed the TRA for the entire CTXSA (all fifteen municipalities and their environs), for \$4,533,721 to recover its net increase in capital invested in the CTXSA from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

PART 3. TGS proposed an effective date of May 7, 2017 for applying the rate resulting from the IRA.

PART 4. Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code § 104.301(a), the City is authorized to suspend the implementation of the IRA for a period not to exceed 45 days beyond the effective date proposed by TGS.

PART 5. The City Council finds that the City requires additional time to review and consider the IRA and supporting documentation filed by TGS.

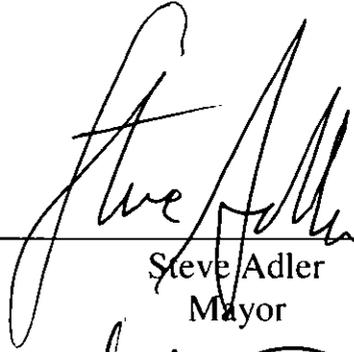
PART 6. The implementation of the IRA filed by TGS proposed to take effect on May 7, 2017, is hereby suspended until the sooner of: (a) the 45th day from the proposed effective date, or (b) the date acted upon by the City Council, whichever shall first occur.

PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on May 1, 2017.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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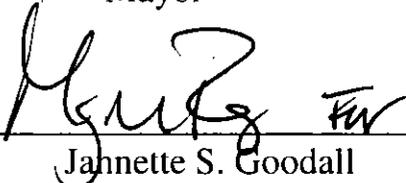
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